



CITY OF BIGGS

Planning Study Session

Staff Report

TO: City of Biggs City Council

FROM: Scott Friend, AICP, City Planner

MEETING DATE: December 10, 2013; 5:00 p.m., Biggs City Hall, 465 C Street, Biggs, CA 95917

SUBJECT: Information Presentation and Discussion: 5th Cycle Housing Element Update Project 2014-2022

Summary:

The City Council is being asked to conduct a public workshop to initiate the City's 5th Cycle Housing Element update process. The intent of the workshop is for the City Planner and the City's project consultant to present an overview of the Housing Element update process; provide information about the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers provided to the City by the California Housing and Development Department (HCD); provide an overview of the various components of the update process and the resulting Housing Element document; and, to solicit input from the Council and the public in regard to how the City is doing in meeting its statutory obligations related to housing.

The workshop will include an initial presentation by PMC, the City's planning consultant for this effort, which will provide input on the process and seek input on topics that may include the following items:

1. A discussion regarding the effectiveness of the City's existing Housing Element:
Question: Are there programs or policies that the City should adopt/modify/remove that would assist with the production of housing types for all segments of the community?
2. A discussion regarding the existing mixture of land uses in the City:
Question: Does the City's General Plan provide an adequate mixture and amount of land for all housing types?
3. Identification of any specific issues or topics that the Council would like to see addressed during the Element Update process. And,
4. A review and discussion of the programs that the City should pursue to further implement and advance the goals and objectives of the City's Housing Element program.

Staff requests that the City Council be prepared to engage in a discussion of the above noted topics and to engage with the project team on the ideas described above.

Additional information and a copy of the presentation will be available to the public and members of the Commission at the meeting.

Environmental determination:

Not applicable at this time.

Fiscal Impact:

Time associated with the preparation of the presentation and attendance at the work session. Costs associated with this matter are accommodated in the approved project budget.

Public Comment:

Not applicable at this time.

Recommendation:

No formal recommendation is being made and no action is requested. Staff and the project consultant are hoping to receive feedback on the presentation and input as desired from the Council and members of the audience.

Report Attachment:

Informational presentation to be provided to the Council prior to the meeting.